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1. VEST VISIT. AS SAM INDICATED TO YOU ON THE PHONE, VEST IS PREPARED TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 24-25 IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING IN SINAIA AND TO MEET WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS MONDAY AFTERNOON AND TUESDAY. HE MUST BE BACK IN THE STATES ON THURSDAY JUNE 29 AND THUS WOULD HAVE TO DEPART BUCHAREST JUNE 28. WE HAVE INFORMED THE CHAMBER (HASFURTHER) THAT VEST WILL PROBABLY SPEAK ON US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN GENERAL AND NOT GET INTO SPECIFIC COUNCIL AGENDA SUBJECTS (SUCH AS EXPORT CONTROLS). WE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT VEST'S PROGRAM IN ROMANIA WILL FOCUS ON MEETINGS IN BUCHAREST RATHER THAN COUNCIL SESSIONS. WE ASSUME THAT THE MFA CAN ARRANGE EITHER A DINNER MONDAY EVENING OR LUNCHEON TUESDAY BUT WE LOOK
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FORWARD TO RECEIVING SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU ON HIS PROGRAM. WE ALSO AWAIT YOUR SUGGESTION AS TO WHETHER ARRIVAL ON SATURDAY FROM A WESTERN EUROPEAN LOCATION WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO A SUNDAY ARRIVAL.

2. BLUMENTHAL VISIT. WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR QUERY TO SAM THIS MORNING, WE CHECKED WITH TREASURY ON PLANS FOR

A BLUMENTHAL TRIP TO ROMANIA. ALTHOUGH CEAUSESCU EXTENDED A GENERAL INVITATION TO BLUMENTHAL DURING THEIR MEETING AT BLAIR HOUSE, THERE ARE NO CONCRETE PLANS FOR SUCH A VISIT. BLUMENTHAL MAY VISIT MOSCOW IN EARLY DECEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOVIET COUNCIL AND COMMISSION MEETINGS, BUT TREASURY HAS NOT DECIDED DEFINITELY WHETHER HE WILL GO AND, IF SO, WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES HE MIGHT VISIT.

3. NICOLAE CALL ON LUERS. NICOLAE CAME IN TO SEE LUERS YESTERDAY (MAY 17) TO PRESS ONCE AGAIN FOR INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRADE AGREEMENT PACKAGE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE; HE ACTUALLY ASKED ON WHOSE DESK IT WAS SITTING. PRESSED TOO HARD, LUERS PRETTY WELL REAMED NICOLAE OUT AND TOLD HIM THAT THIS WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER WITH WHICH HE SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED. (AS YOU KNOW, NICOLAE CAN WEAR ONE'S PATIENCE THIN.)

4. DECREE 223. AS YOU PROBABLY SURMISED, SAM LAID IT ON HEAVIER THAN NECESSARY ON THE PHONE REGARDING THE PROPERTY CLAIMS ISSUE AS A POSSIBLE PROBLEM FOR RENEWAL OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT AND MFN. HAVING GOTTEN THE MESSAGE ACROSS TO ANY AND ALL LISTENERS, WE WISH TO REASSURE YOU THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO TRY TO EXPLICITLY LINK THE PROPERTY CLAIMS PROBLEM TO THE UPCOMING HEARINGS ON THE TRADE AGREEMENT AND MFN. (SOME CONGRESSMEN MAY CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE THEIR OWN VIEWS ON THIS, HOWEVER.) RATHER, OUR CURRENT THINKING IS TO FOLLOW UP THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING AT FINANCE WITH A STRONGLY-WORDED NOTE OUTLINING THE HISTORY OF GOR ASSURANCES, STATING ONCE AGAIN THE LINK WITH GSP, AND MAKING AN IMPLICIT THREAT THAT FAILURE TO RESOLVE THE PROPERTY CASES COULD LEAD TO TERMINATION OF GSP. WE HOPE TO GET AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. IT WOULDN'T HURT, HOWEVER, IF THE ROMANIANS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE COMING UP AT THE HEARINGS.

5. ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE VISIT (BUCHAREST 3259). DAVID BRODY ADVISES GROUP UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT CHANGE TIMING, PLANS TO ARRIVE 3:45 PM JUNE 30 AND DEPART 9:30 PM JULY 3. IF A SOCIAL EVENT BY AMBASSADOR IS POSSIBLE, PREFERRED DAYS FOR THEM REMAIN JULY 1 AND 2 SINCE THEY PLAN TO VISIT SYNAGOGUE EVENING OF JUNE 30. BRODY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR NICOLAE, WHO IS ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH OPREA AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY.

6. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION (BUCHAREST 3259). WE AGREE WITH YOUR THINKING ON THE JOINT ECONOMIC COM-

MISSION. HOWEVER, COMMERCE IS STILL FAR FROM A DECISION
REGARDING KREPS' INVOLVEMENT IN THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS.

IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT SHE WILL ATTEND THE SOVIET
COMMISSION IN DECEMBER, BUT EVEN THIS IS NOT DEFINITE.
ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SETTLED IN THE
NEAR FUTURE, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CASE IS PRESSED
AND WILL SEEK NSC SUPPORT, IF NECESSARY. VANCE

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